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COVERT ANNEX**Subject: Related Covert Psychological Operations.****1. PURPOSE**

To state, without recapitulation of the general continuing program of psychological and other covert operations, and without pinpoint detail on specific operations and targets, a summary of those activities of a psychological character for which the death of Stalin offers a unique opportunity for immediate action.

2. ASSUMPTIONS

- a. The death of Stalin is a unique tactical opportunity for covert psychological operations, but does not basically alter the framework of long range objectives which such operations serve.
- B. That such immediate psychological operations must be closely correlated with the following which are beyond the scope and purpose of this Annex:

- (1) The continuing, regular program of covert psychological and other operations.
- (2) The programs of overt agencies of the U.S. Government for immediate psychological exploitation of the death of Stalin.
- (3) Other U.S. programs of overt political, military, and economic action immediately related to this event.
- (4) A general global concept of U.S. strategy in the cold war for longer range action, overt and covert, over the entire spectrum of political, psychological, economic, and military action.

3. GENERAL OBJECTIVES

The general strategic objectives to be served by the short range program of covert psychological operations for exploitation of the death of Stalin are:

(To be briefly plagiarized from the FY 55 strategic plan and the basic PSB paper.)

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4. TASKS FOR SUBORDINATE ELEMENTS

The tactical objectives of immediate psychological action on the death of Stalin, applicable in varying degrees to different target locations throughout the world, may be generally summarized as follows:

a. For the territory of the USSR, the satellites, and China:

- (1) To weaken, divide, and foment conflict within the top command of the Soviet Government and the International Communist movement.
- (2) To destroy the effectiveness, by compromise and character assassination, of key persons upon which the succession Soviet government must depend for execution of its will.
- (3) To promote fear and disaffection among the people of the USSR concerning the effect of this event upon them.
- (4) To promote national or mass disaffection and defection in the satellite states and China.

b. For the territory outside the Soviet Bloc:

- (1) To compromise, and defect where possible, Communist party organizations and personalities throughout the free world.
- (2) Where covert operations have special opportunity or convenience, to provide a closely coordinated supplement to the overt U.S. psychological operations which seek to:
 - (a) Promote the strength and unity of the free world.
 - (b) Develop and maintain confidence in U.S. leadership of the free world.

The appendices to this Annex set forth, by geographic area, brief summaries of special tactical opportunities now afforded for the above types of action and of the types of target categories against which they will be directed.

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